■妹が死んだ日から彼女はニセモノの母親になった……!!

IT'LL BE FINE ...
AKI ...
I... WILL BE MOTHER ...
I WILL BE MOTHER WHEN YOU ARE NOT AROUND!!

MOTHER ....
SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT US ...
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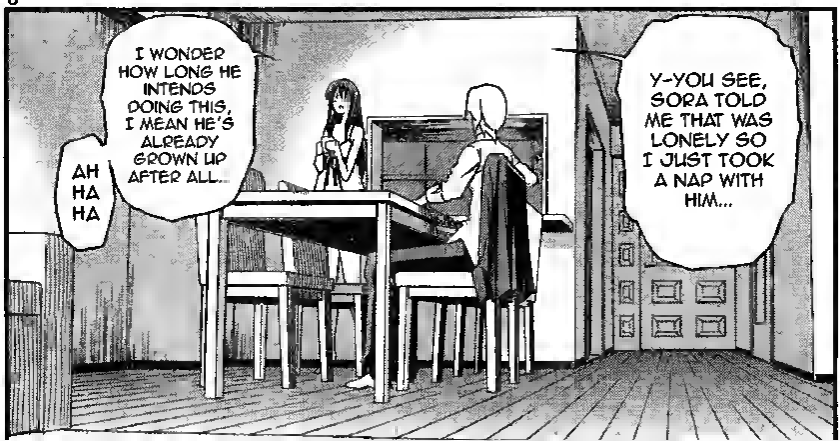
SFX: BEEPING
EVERY MORNING I WAKE UP, I ALWAYS START TO THINK ABOUT MYSELF
"IS THAT... WHO AM I REALLY AM?"

"愛"がいっぱい詰まった
単行本①～③巻
大ヒット発売中!!
糸杉柾宏
MASAHIRO ITOSUGI
第17話◆母親
Chapter 17: "Mother"
「お母さん」になりたいわけじゃなかったのに…
I DON'T REALLY WANT TO BECOME "MOM"
AKISORA
あきそら

MORNIN' MOM~
YOU'RE UP EARLY TODAY, HOW UN-USUAL...
THAT ASIDE AKI... WHAT'S WITH THAT OUTFIT?



■この作品はフィクションであり、実在の個人・団体などにはいっさい関係ありません。

IT'S ALRIGHT, WE'RE SILBLING AFTERALL, AREN'T WE?
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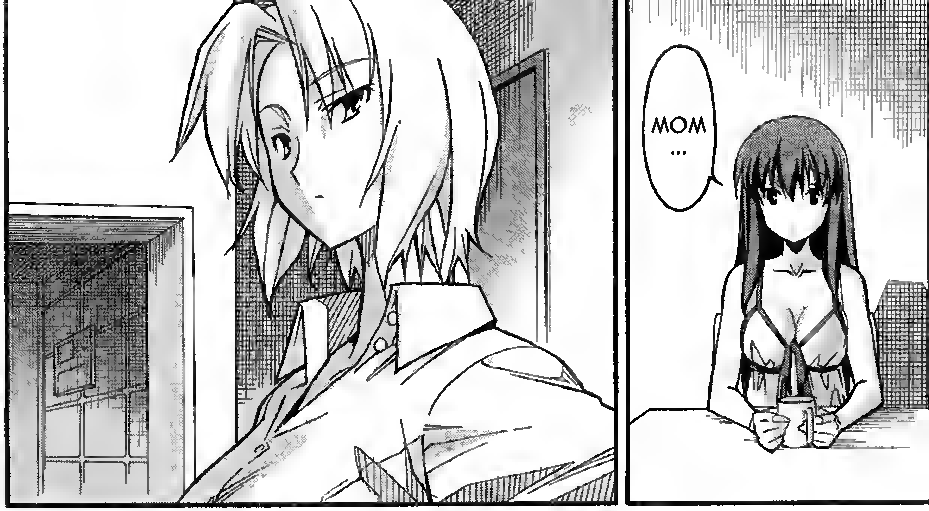
AH HA HA
WELL, I GUESS ...
HMM... I CAN'T COOK NOR CLEAN AND CAN'T EVEN DO LAUN-DRY...
I DON'T REALLY FULFILL MY DUTY AS YOUR MOTHER...
EH ?
SORRY, AKI...
ACTUALLY, I DON'T REALLY KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT HOUSE-WORK AT ALL...
NOT ONLY THAT...



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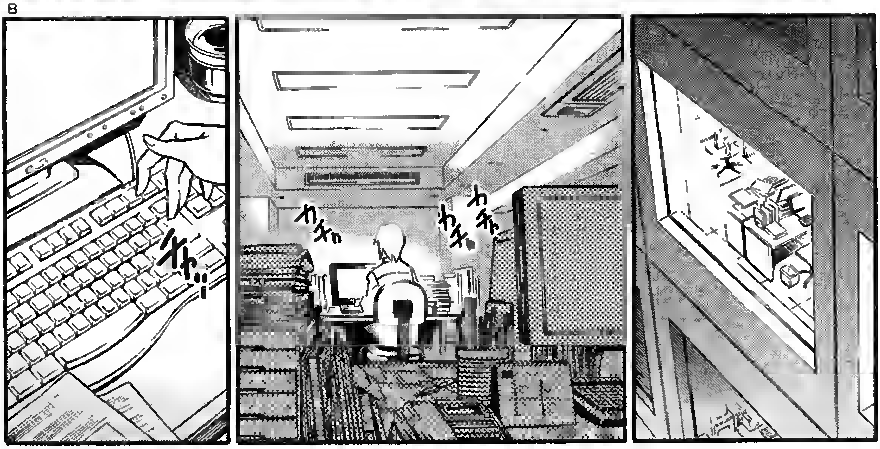

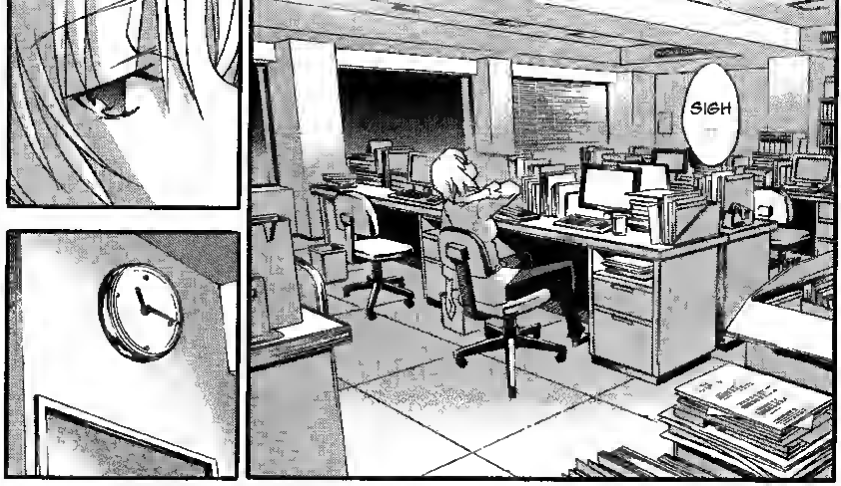
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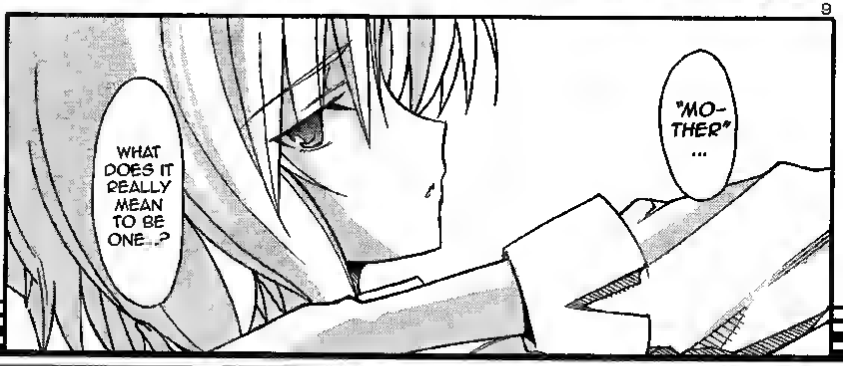
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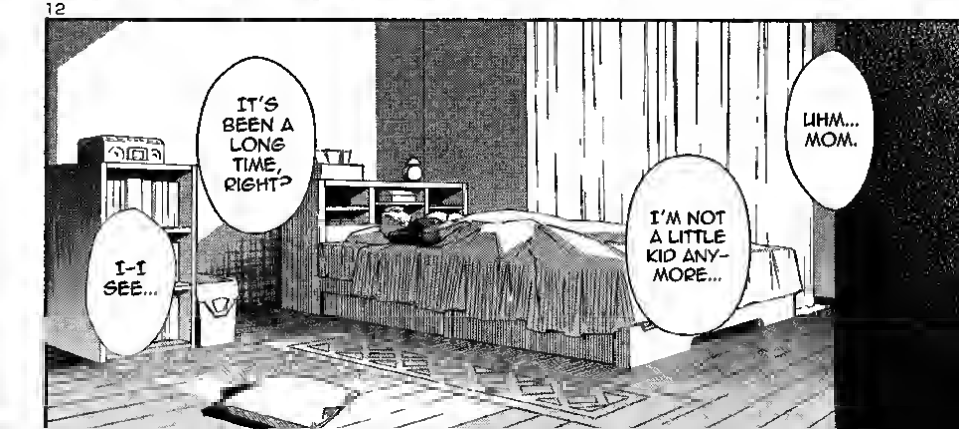
THER"
...
WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN TO BE ONE...?

AKI.
A GOOD NAME, DON'T YOU THINK?
WHAT'S HER NAME?

SO IT'S AKI.
WANNA HUG HER?
NAH, I MIGHT DROP HER.
SIS ...
HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE A MOTHER?
WELL ...
TO BE HONEST, I DON'T REALLY KNOW ABOUT THAT...

I COULD FEEL THAT HER BODY WAS SURPRISINGLY LIGHT...
BUT THE FIRST TIME WHEN I HELD THIS CHILD...
HEH...
OF COURSE IT IS...
I LEARNED A BIT ABOUT BEING A MOTHER.
THAT TIME...
MAYBE... THIS WILL WORK...


IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, RIGHT?
UHM... MOM.
I'M NOT A LITTLE KID ANY-MORE...
I-I SEE...

THERE'S NO WAY THIS WILL FEEL LIKE HOLDING A BABY.
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...BUT EVEN SO-
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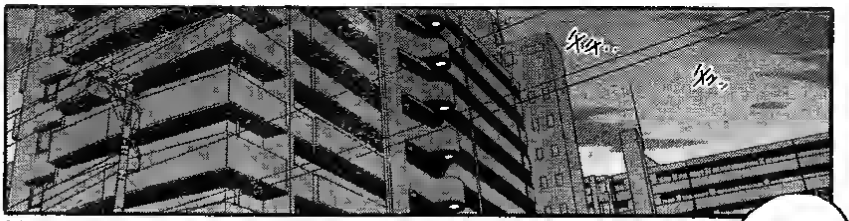
MOM ...
...IS PRETTY MUCH POINT-LESS
TO DO THIS AFTER ALL THOSE YEARS...

I WAS STILL A LITTLE AND HEAVY SNOW WAS FALLING BACK THEN...
...CHRIST-MAS?
DO YOU REMEMBER THAT CHRISTMAS DAY?
HM?

I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THAT TIME.
THAT WAS LONG TIME AGO, SO I CAN'T REMEMBER ANYMORE.

YOU HAVE CHANGED MOM...
EVERYBODY CHANGES AFTER SOME TIME.
WELL, TIME TO SLEEP.
YE..H.
GOOD NIGHT.


SKUK...
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BACK THEN, SORA USUALLY HELPED MOM WITH THE HOUSEWORK.
BUT THAT CHRISTMAS NIGHT...

ON HER LEFT ARM...
SHE GOT HERSELF A SCAR FROM A BURN AROUND HERE...
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Mom...
Do you remember that christmas day?
AK!
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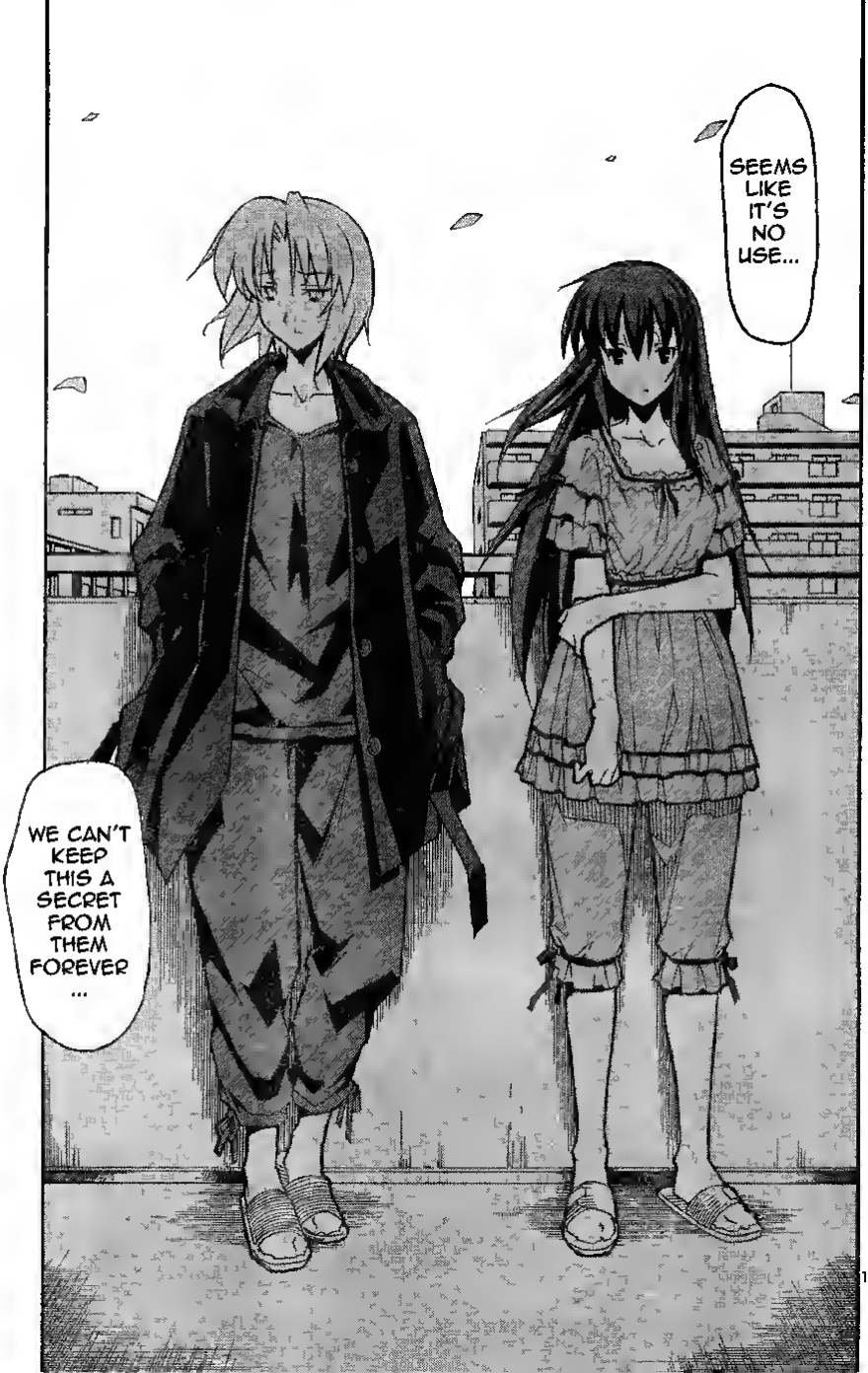
SEEMS LIKE IT'S NO USE...
WE CAN'T KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM THEM FOREVER ...

AKI-NEE CHAN ...
SORA, WHAT'S WRONG? YOU'RE SPACING OUT.
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HEY... AKI-NEE CHAN...
YOU TOLD ME ONCE THAT MOTHER HAS A TWIN SISTER, DIDN'T YOU?

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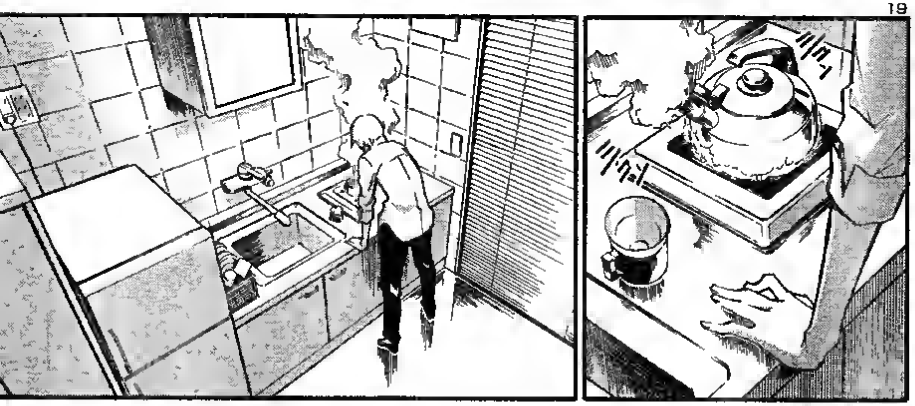
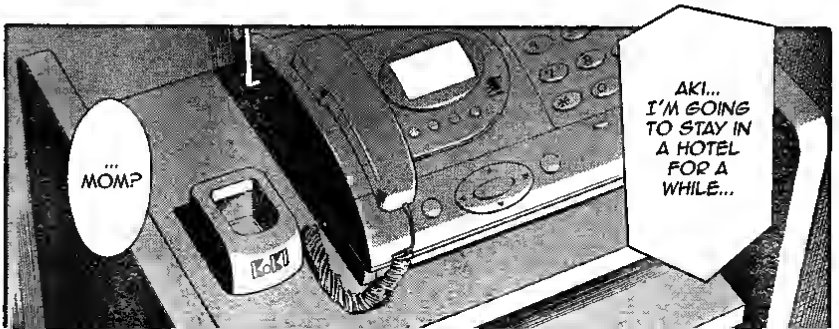
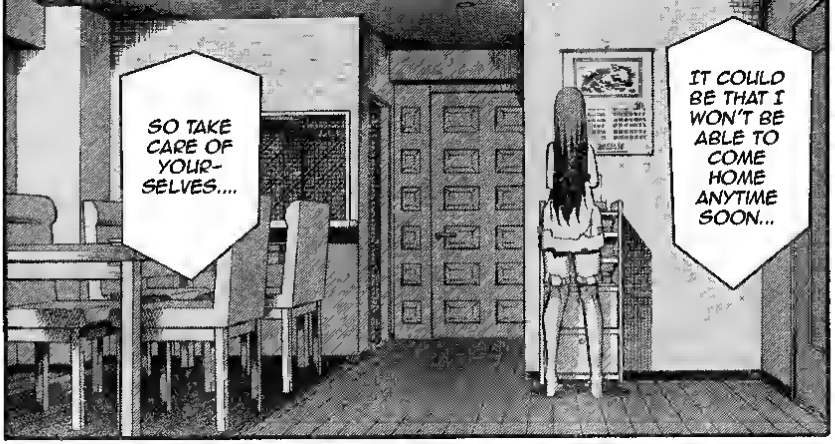



AKI... I'M GOING TO STAY IN A HOTEL FOR A WHILE...
... MOM?
Aki


IT COULD BE THAT I WON'T BE ABLE TO COME HOME ANYTIME SOON...
SO TAKE CARE OF YOUR-SELVES....

MOM ...

MAYBE, I WASN'T WORTHY TO BE CALLED "MOTHER" ...
FROM THE BEGIN-NING ...

SORRY, AKI...
FOR ALWAYS BEING SUCH A BURDEN TO YOU ...
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IT'S BEEN TWO WEEKS ALREADY AND MOM STILL HASN'T COME HOME...
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SORA, YOU'RE STILL AWAKE?
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I DON'T WANT TO SEE HER...
IT CAN'T BE HELPED, SHE HAS BEEN BUSY....
.....
IF SHE'S REALLY OUR MOTHER, THEN HOW COULD SHE FORGET SOMETHING IMPORTANT LIKE THIS ...?
SHE CAN'T EVEN RE-MEMBER THAT INCIDEN ....
B-BUT ...
HMM? YOU'RE STILL SUSPI-COUS OF HER ...?
MOM WILL ALWAYS BE MOM... RIGHT?
BUT ...
HAHA... YOU'RE PONDERING TOO MUCH ABOUT THIS, SORA

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"MOM WILL ALWAYS BE MOM"
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AH...
SORRY, DID I WAKE YOU UP?

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I'M BACK
Y... YEAH.
W... WEL-COME BACK.

IS SOME-THING WRONG?
UH. IT'S NO-THING.

PERHAPS YOU WANT TO SLEEP WITH ME AGAIN?
T-THAT'S NOT WHAT I...!!

UH...
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COME ON... THERE'S NOTHING TO BE EMBARRASSED ABOUT...
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AH...

UHM... IT'S NOTHING.
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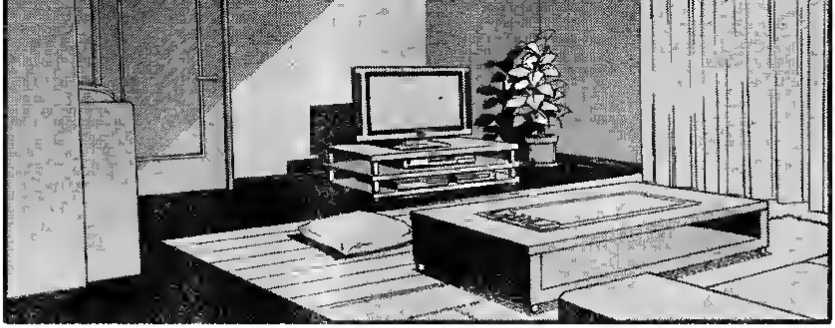
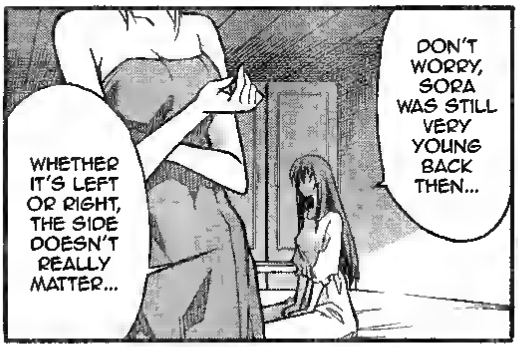
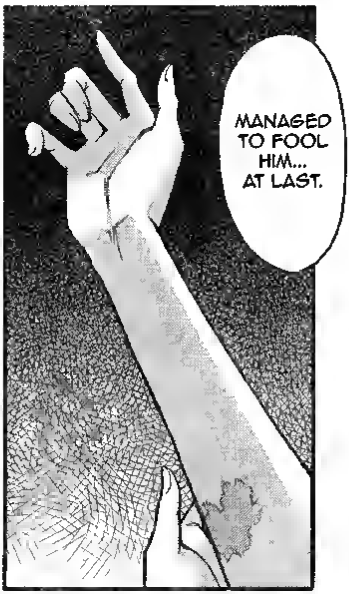
HM?

MOM ...
WHAT IS IT ?
PLEASE COME HOME EARLY TO-MORROW ...
I'LL COOK YOU SOMETHING GOOD..
... WHY?

BE-CAUSE TO-MOR-ROW..
...IS YOUR BIRTH-DAY, MOM.

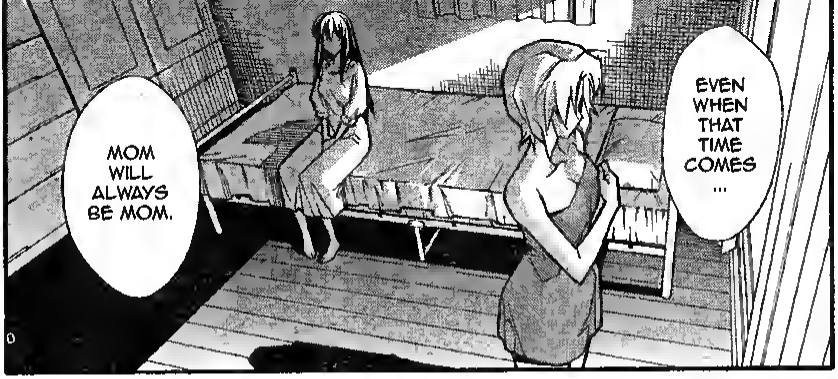



WHETHER IT'S LEFT OR RIGHT, THE SIDE DOESN'T REALLY MATTER...
DON'T WORRY, SORA WAS STILL VERY YOUNG BACK THEN...


MANAGED TO FOOL HIM... AT LAST.

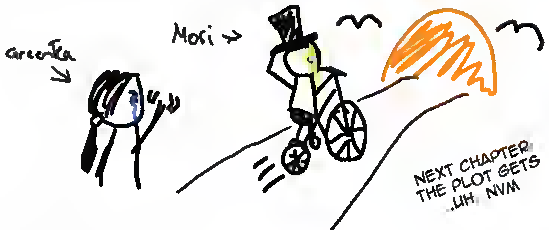
THAT WAS A BIT RECK-LESS OF YOU
ANYWAYS, MOM...

ONE DAY
WE HAVE TO REVEAL THE TRUTH ANYWAY... RIGHT?



■長い時と共に培ってきた嘘も、いつかは絆に変わる日が……!!

SUNSET CH/A/PS- SCANLATIONS



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